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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 9, 2002

APPLICATION OF)	
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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY)	CASE NO. PUE-2002-00378
d/b/a/ AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY)	
)	
To revise its fuel factor pursuant to Va. Code §56-249.6)	

ORDER EXTENDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

By motion dated October 9, 2002, The Staff of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (“Staff”) requested that the deadline for filing briefs in this proceeding be extended for one week from Friday, October 11, 2002, to Friday, October 18, 2002.

In support of this request, the Staff stated that at the conclusion of the hearing of this matter before the full Commission on September 23, 2002, the parties to this proceeding along with the Staff were directed by the Commission to file briefs concerning several legal issues relating to the Cook nuclear facility outage by Friday, October 11, 2002.

The Staff further stated that due to the press of matters involving the Commission’s Staff and its counsel, the Staff is unable to meet the October 11, 2002, filing date for such briefs. Thus, the Staff desires a one-week extension of time in which to file the same, namely until Friday, October 18, 2002.

Additionally, the Staff represented that Appalachian Power Company’s (“Company”) counsel in this matter has no objection to the extension of time requested herein. Additionally, the Staff also represented that counsel for the Old Dominion Committee for Fair Utility Rates and the Office of the

Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel support the Staff's motion herein. The Staff stated that it was unable to reach counsel to the Town of Wytheville, VML/VACo APCO Steering Committee prior to filing this motion, but does not believe such counsel would object to the relief requested by the Staff.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Commission finds that an extension of one week is reasonable and should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that

(1) The Staff is hereby granted a one week extension, i.e., until Friday, October 18, 2002 in which to file its legal brief in this matter, and

(2) An identical extension of time in which to file legal briefs in this matter is also granted Company and all other parties entitled to file such briefs herein.